

can be made, then I would consider it, but I just don't...I don't see the case being made, at least in my district, and I would relinquish the rest of my time to Senator Brashear.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Brashear, you have about a minute and 45 seconds.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, thank you, Senator Brown. I'd like to share a few of the...a few additional statistics with this period of time with regard to the minimum wage, to keep the frame of reference factually accurate. I indicated earlier that 26 percent of those who work at minimum wage in Nebraska are between 16 and 17. Another 14...

SENATOR LINDSAY: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ..percent are age 18 to 20. By age 30 in the state of Nebraska, only 2 percent of the workers are at minimum wage, and by age 40, although again I acknowledge the significance of any individual, only eight-tenths of one percent of workers who are working full time are at the minimum wage. I, again, urge the defeat of the Wesely amendment for what it does to people of little skill at entry level, for the opportunity it deprives them of, and because there is no...there is no demonstrated, compelling, factual, statistical need for our entering upon this course. Thank you.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Brown, or excuse me, Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. First of all, I would like to say...give my thanks to Senator Brashear and also it is a pleasure to claim this bill as my priority bill, 1368, and I have good reason for doing that because in 1951, as a 17-year-old person without any skills, I went to work for the Union Pacific Railroad and they took the time to provide training to me that I have used at that time and I use to this day and, matter of fact, they paid me more than I was worth. And really rather than, when talking about minimum wage, we should really be talking about entry level wage and what that should be, and the entry level wage should really be what you can produce, what you're worth. Senator Chambers said that a workman is worthy of his hire. I would certainly tell